

Session 5 – Leadership Style

Which leader would you most like to be like (political, community, work or religious)? Why?

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Lead in a Biblical style

- Joel Mamby suggests a template for leading in a Biblical way is 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 as our basis:
Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- Being a Christian leader means that we have the Holy Spirit's forming power changing us into the person that Christ has called us to be.

Your leadership style should reflect you

- You were created uniquely, with your DNA, life experiences and cultural background.
- Ephesians 2:10:
For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- Leaders shouldn't feel the pressure to copy anyone else.
- Learn from other leaders rather than becoming their copy.

Your leadership style should reflect your setting

- Always be aware of the context that you are leading in whether it's a business, the volunteer sector or a church setting.
- Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:22:
I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.
- Paul never lost who He was in Christ. He had a particular leadership style but He was confident enough to adjust it to his settings, becoming a chameleon.
- Being sensitive to those you are leading will make a huge difference to those around you.

Follow-up

1. Looking back at the previous sessions, what does a Biblical Style Leadership look like to you?
2. How can you learn from and 'imitate' a leader you respect, whilst remaining true to your own style?
3. Why do we try to copy other people?
4. What benefits are there from adjusting your leadership style to your setting?
5. What unique experiences, gifts and heritage can you bring to leadership?
6. Could you say, 'Follow me, as I follow Christ?' (1 Corinthians 11:1)? What things do you need to develop or change so that you could say that?